

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Wildlife – Forest Department – Revision of compensation for crop damage and cattle death, ex-gratia in case of human death caused by the attack of Tigers and other wild animals – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms. No. 57

Date:29-05-2014.
Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.112, EFS&T(For.III)Department, dt:3.08.1998
2. G.O.Ms.No.90, EFS&T(For.II) Dept., Dt.01.08.2011
3. From the PCCF (WL) & CWLW., A.P. Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No.8933/2013/WL-4, Dt.27.06.2013.
4. From the PCCF (WL) & CWLW/., A.P., Hyd. Lr. Rc. No.8933/2013/WL-4, dated. 01.01.2014

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In the G.O. 1st read above, orders were issued fixing the rates of compensation payable to the victims and farmers whose crops have been damaged due to Wildlife attack.

2. In the G.O.2nd read above, orders were issued for revision of payment of compensation for loss of life or injury to human beings, and cattle killed and houses and crops etc. damaged due to attack of tigers or other wild animals in the State.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, A.P. Hyderabad has reported that interstate meeting on elephant migration was held in the State of Karnataka on 29.05.2013 for discussing the problems caused due to movement of wild elephants from the adjoining states of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka into Andhra Pradesh State. The committee has also discussed the problem of payment of compensation in case of crop damage and cattle deaths and ex-gratia for human deaths and found that there is huge disparity in the rates of compensation fixed by the Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh State Governments. During the inspection of the forests areas, in the Chittoor district bordering Kolar district of Karnataka State by the Addl. PCCF (WL) it was observed that there is severe resentment prevailing among the villagers of Andhra Pradesh as, in adjoining villagers of Karnataka State the compensation paid by Karnataka State Forest Dept., is much higher. The villagers feel that they are facing the consequences of geographical locations and are placed at severe disadvantageous position when compared to their peers in Karnataka. In order to mitigate this problem, it is quite essential that certain enhancements and additions are required to the Government Orders issued vide G.O.Ms.No.112 EFS&T Dept. dt.3.8.1998 and G.O.Ms.No.90 EFS&T Dept. dt.1.8.2011.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, A.P. Hyderabad has recommended to increase the compensation rates for human death to Rs. 5.00 Lakhs on par with the Karnataka State as against the existing amount of Rs. 2.50 Lakhs in respect of Andhra Pradesh state to reduce the resentment of villagers residing in the bordering districts of Karnataka State. Further, the rate of compensation paid to the cattle death also to be enhanced to the existing market value for payment of "Compensation to cattle killed by wild animals". He has therefore requested the Government to permit the Forest Department to pay compensation on par with the neighbouring States.

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5. Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, A.P. Hyderabad received in the reference 3rd & 4th read above hereby accord permission for revision of payment of compensation for loss of life or injury to human beings, and cattle killed and damages caused to houses and crops etc. due to attack of tigers or other wild animals in the State and to revise the compensation as detailed below:-

Sl. No	Item	Existing compensation in Andhra Pradesh as per G.O.Ms.No.90,EFS&T(For .II)Dept., Dt:01.08.2011 (Rs.)	Proposed compensation in Andhra Pradesh (Rs.)
1	Ex-gratia for human deaths by wild animals	2,50,000/-	5,00,000/-
2	Ex-gratia for human grievous injury by wild animals	75,000/-	75,000/- along with medical expenses
3	Ex-gratia for human minor injury by wild animals. **	Actual cost of treatment	Actual cost of treatment
4	Compensation to cattle killed by wild animals	Market value of the cattle as assessed by Live Stock Inspector/Veterinary Officer/Sarpanch	The rate of compensation paid to the cattle shall be enhanced to the existing market value.
5	i. Other than Paddy & Sugar cane	6,000/ acre	6,000/ acre
	ii. Paddy	6,000/ acre	6,000/ acre
	iii. Sugarcane	6,000/ acre	6,000/ acre
	iv. Mango & Coconut trees	1,500/tree	1,500/tree
	v. Horticulture Crops like Banana and Citrus etc.,	As per the assessment of damage by Revenue Officials	<p>Crop damage – Per Acre.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Up to value of Rs. 7,500/- - Full Payment limited to the loss assessed per acre. Ranging value from Rs.7500/- to Rs.35,000/- - 50% of the loss assessed subject to minimum of Rs.7500/- and maximum of Rs.21,250/- per acre. Above Rs.35,000/- 30% of the loss assessed subject to minimum of Rs.21,250/- and maximum of Rs.50,000/- per acre (Extent and value of damaged crop as assessed by Revenue Officer)

6. The compensation shall be paid as expeditiously as possible without any delay, immediately after the death/injuries/ damage is occurred to the next Head of the family based on the certificate issued by Revenue Authorities.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, A.P. Hyderabad shall take necessary action for providing funds in the Budget under the relevant head of accounts. He is also requested to see that the accounts are rendered to the Account General, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad for the expenditure incurred under the head of account by the Conservator of Forests/Divisional Forest Officer concerned. This order comes into force with effect from the date of issue.

8. This orders issues with the concurrence of Finance (Expr. M&F) Department vide their U.O.No.2293/11/A2/Expr.M&F/14, Dt.07.03.2014.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

D. LAKSHMI PARTHASARATHY BHASKAR
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) &

Chief Wildlife Warden, A.P. Hyderabad

The Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad.

The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad.

The Pay & Accounts Officer, A.P., Hyd.

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All District Collectors,

The Finance (Expr.M&F/B.G.I/BG.V) Dept.,

The Law (B) Department,

The Joint Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests ,
CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi.

The Secretary,

A.P. Civil Liberties Committee, Balaji Colony, Tirupathi,

The Director,

A.P. State Officer, World Wide Fund for Natural India,
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